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Charles Lister, Esquire
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Dear Chuck and Keith:

There is enclosed a copy of a notice that appeared recently in the Federal Register on the airline smoking issue. The notice was placed by the Federal Aviation Administration and responds to comments that were submitted on the FAA's rules implementing the congressionally-mandated two-hour smoking ban in the United States.

The enclosed notice may be of some value in connection with the airline smoking restrictions that have been proposed by the Nordic Council. Specifically, the following statement by the FAA is inconsistent with the assumption of health risks presumably underlying the Nordic Council proposal:

"At this time, scientific evidence has not sufficiently established that there is a significant health risk to nonsmoking passengers and crewmembers, while on board an aircraft, when other passengers are smoking and the existing smoking regulations are enforced.
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Please let me know if you need further information on the background of the Federal Register notice that is enclosed or the Department of Transportation study that is described in the notice.

Sincerely,



John P. Rupp

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